

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**  
**Divisional of U.S. Appln. No. 09/576,263**

**REMARKS**

Claims 42-68 are all the claims pending in this application. Claims 1-41 have been canceled, and claims 48-50 and 54 have been amended so that the claims depend from a single claim. Accordingly, new claims 55-68, which correspond to claims 48-50 and 54, have been added. Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**APPENDIX**

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**  
**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Page 1, the first paragraph has been changed as follows.**

This [application] is a divisional of Application No. 09/576,263 filed May 24, 2000, which is an application filed under 35 U.S.C. § 111(a) claiming benefit pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 119(e)(1) of the filing dates of Provisional Application No. 60/135,846 filed May 24, 1999, Provisional Application No. 60/144,817 filed July 21, 1999, and Provisional Application No. 60/162,235 filed October 29, 1999 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 111(b); the above noted prior applications are all hereby incorporated by reference.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Claims 1-41 are canceled.**

**The claims have been changed as follows.**

48. (amended) The electrically conducting paste as claimed in claim 45 [or 47], wherein the electrically conducting filler has an average particle size of from 1 to 10  $\mu\text{m}$ .

49. (amended) The electrically conducting paste as claimed in [any one of claims] claim 45[, 47 or 48], wherein the electrically conducting filler content is from 50 to 95 mass % and the binder content is from 5 to 50 mass %.

50. (amended) The electrically conducting paste as claimed in [any one of claims] claim 45 [to 49], which contains an organic solvent.

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54. (amended) The electrically conducting carbon paste for solid electrolytic capacitors as claimed in [any one of claims] claim 51 [to 53], wherein the conducting material accounts for 30-99 mass% and the binder accounts for 1-70 mass% of the entire solid content of the conducting carbon paste.

**Claims 55-68 have been added as new claims.**

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